

# American Flat Road/ Lucerne Haul Road

**Draft Environmental  
Assessment Workshop**

**November 2014**

# What is Before the BLM?

In August 2012 Comstock Mining, LLC submitted to the BLM an application and draft Plan of Development to amend their existing right-of-way.

# Public Scoping

The BLM made presentations to:

Storey County Commissioner's - January 7, 2013;

Lyon County Commissioner's - January 15, 2013.

# Public Scoping

January 17 until February 22, 2013.

Two **workshops** - 75 people in attendance.

The BLM received 41 scoping comments.

A **scoping report** - published in March 2013.

# Other Agency Involvement to Date

Notification of the Project was also provided to:

State Historic Preservation Officer;

National Park Service;

Advisory Commission on Historic Preservation;

Comstock Historic District Commission;

Storey County; and

Yerington Paiute Tribe and Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

# What is Not Before the BLM

Comstock Mining, LLC. has not submitted to the BLM a request to mine on public lands.

# Alternatives Analyzed

**No Action (Current Management)**

**Proposed Action**

**Non-Federal Alternative**

# Current Management

Comstock Mining, LLC. uses a portion of the Lucerne Haul Road and the American Flat Road to transport material to their processing facility.

The existing right-of-way for use of the American Flat Road expires on December 31, 2017.



## Existing Right-of-Way



# Proposed Action

Continue to use portions of the American Flat Road with modifications.

Use the Lucerne Haul Road exclusively with modifications.

The BLM right-of-way would be amended to allow for use of three “wedges” in the Lucerne Pit.

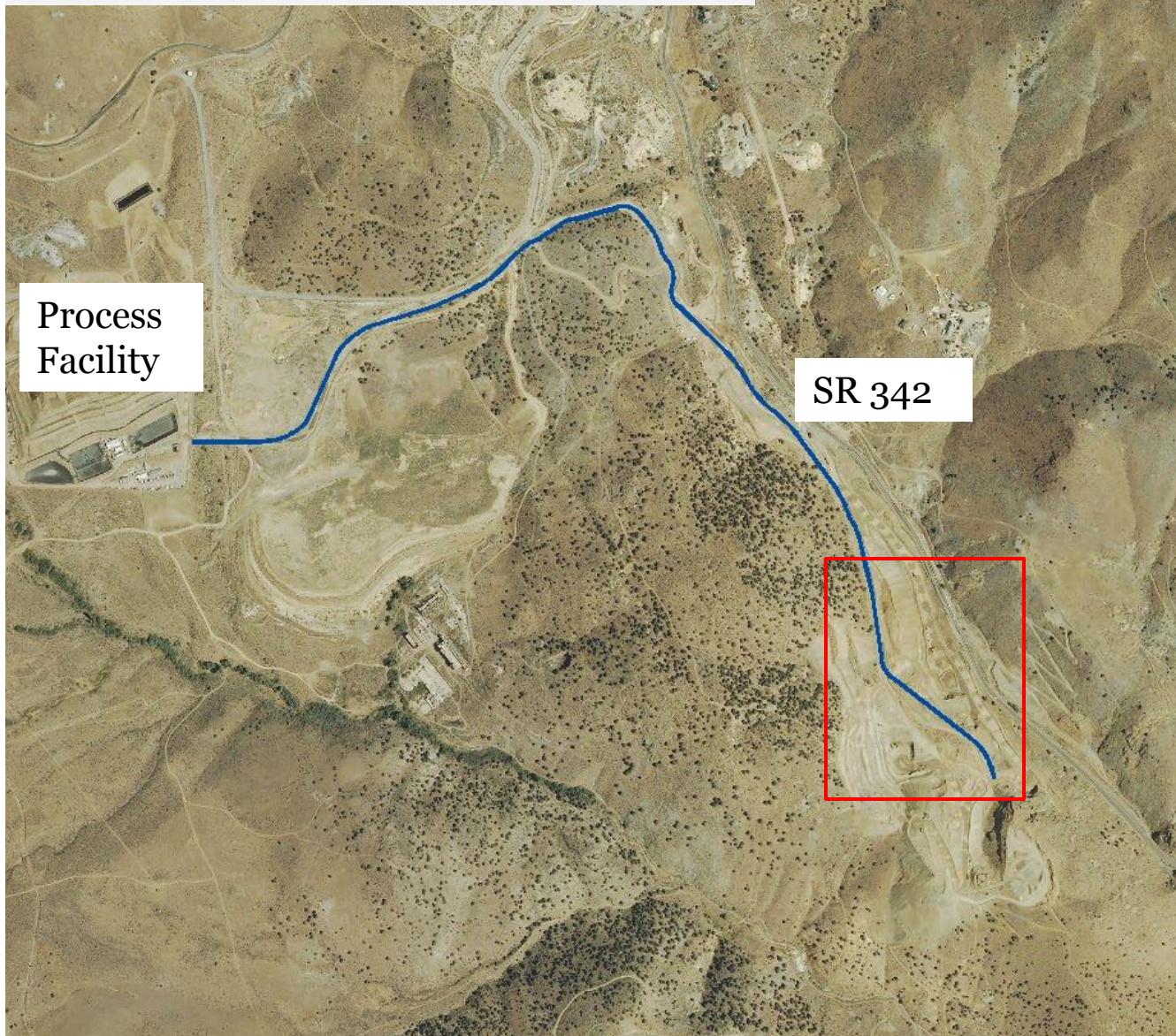


## Proposed Right-of-Way



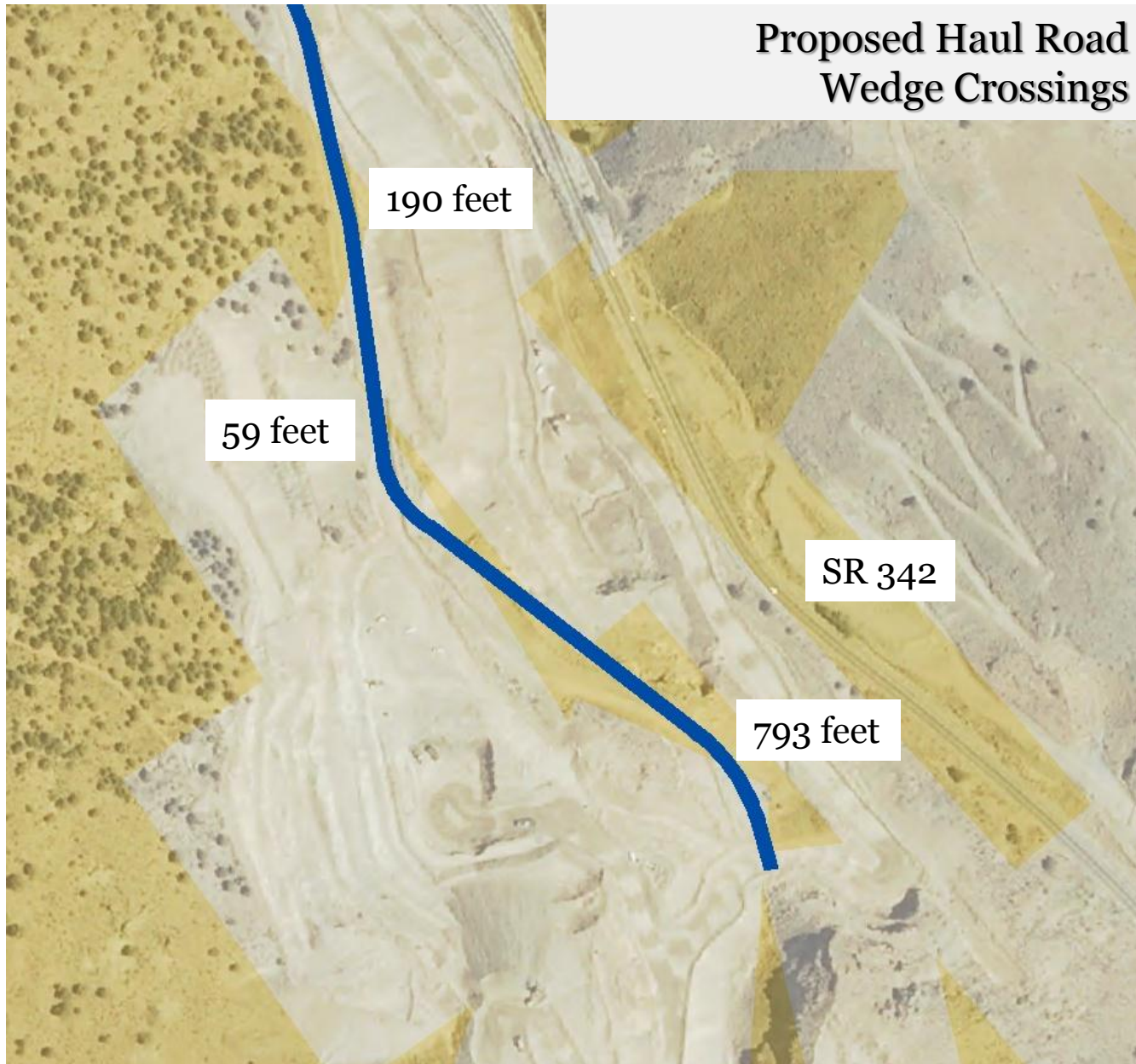


## Proposed Exclusive Haul Road



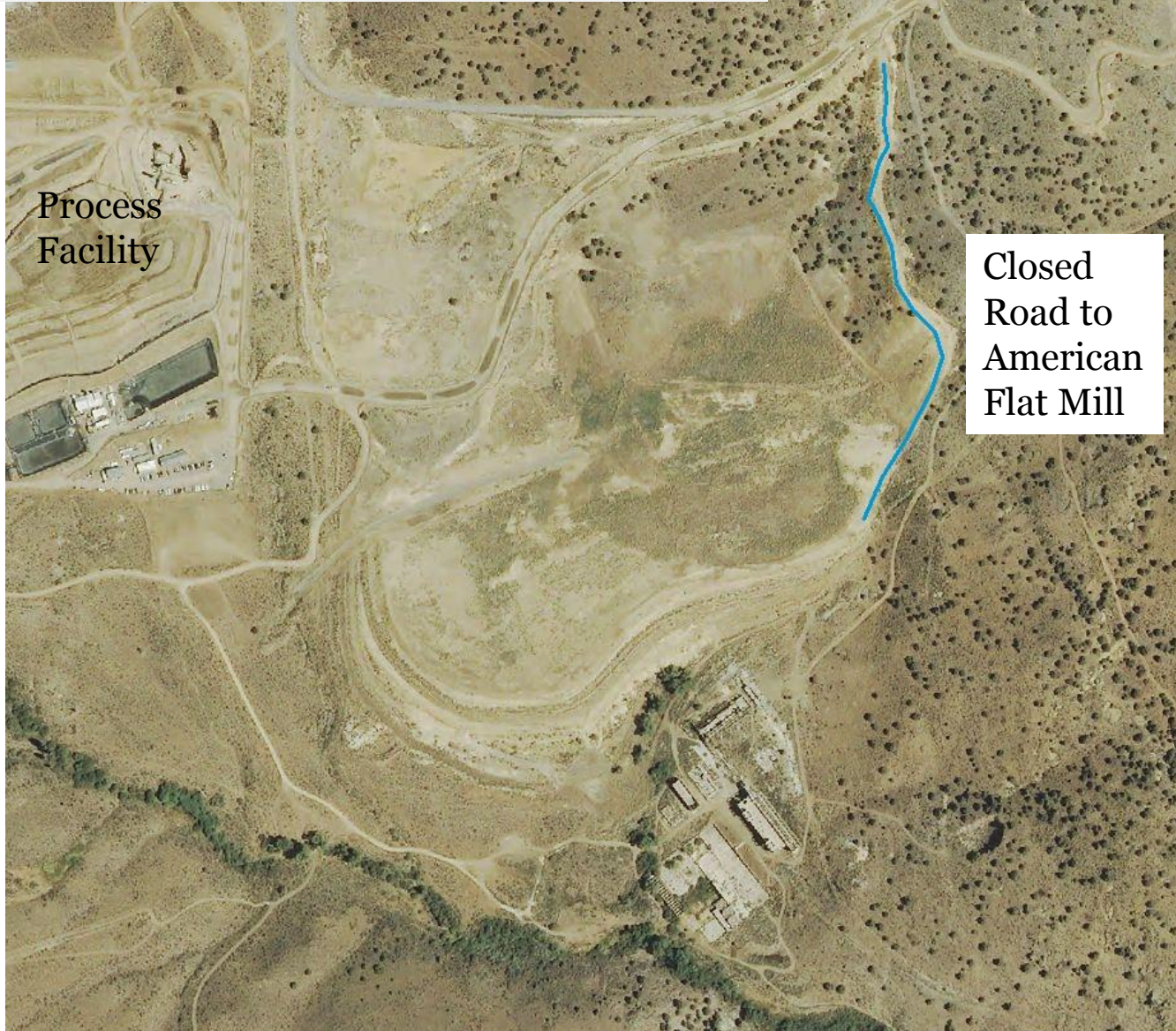


## Proposed Haul Road Wedge Crossings





## Decommission Road Bed



Process  
Facility

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Road to  
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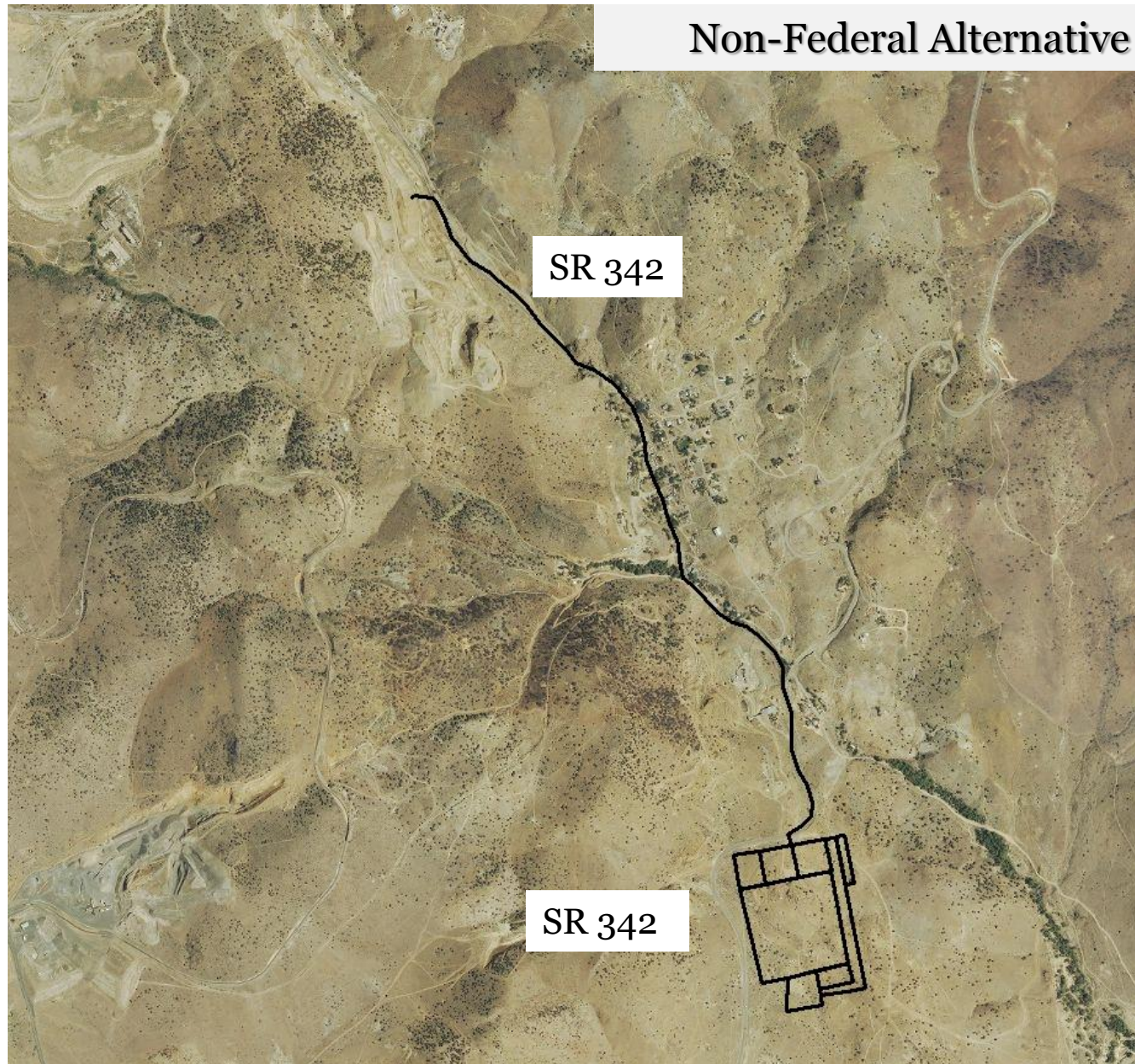
# Non-Federal Alternative

A reasonable alternative exists for Comstock Mining to continue operating without federal authorization.

A new processing facility could be constructed on private lands in Lyon County.



## Non-Federal Alternative





# Public Review

**Draft Environmental Assessment**

**November 10 to December 9**

# About Commenting

**Not an election, it's about the analysis!**

**Form letters or petitions count as one comment.**

**Explain the why or because...**

**Comments should be *substantive* and be *relevant* to the proposed Project.**